



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Division

Washington, DC 20530

August 7, 2019

Via Email

Mr. Jonathon W. Moses
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 76548
411 A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144
76548-52760652@requests.muckrock.com

Request No. 145-FOI-16863
TD: HDK

Dear Mr. Moses:

This letter is the response of the Civil Division, Department of Justice to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records concerning (1) the total number of civil denaturalization cases filed by The Department of Justice in 2017 and 2018; and (2) records revealing the total number of civil denaturalization cases filed by the Department of Justice based on fraudulent claims for 1990 to 2018. This Office received your request on July 16, 2019.

With regard to item 1, the Civil Division located one page responsive to your request, which is being released to you in full.

In response to item 2, based on the way our database is configured, we are unable to determine which civil denaturalization cases were based on fraudulent claims and which were not. Determining which cases involved fraudulent claims would require our office to manually search thousands of civil denaturalization files, which would be unduly burdensome. The FOIA does not require agencies to conduct wide-ranging, unreasonably burdensome searches for records.


For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2015) (Amended 2016). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that we give to all our requesters. You should not take it as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 202-514-2319 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire

about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. You must electronically submit your appeal or have it postmarked within 90 days from the date of this response. If you submit your appeal by mail, it is important you mark both the letter and the envelope "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hirsh D. Kravitz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hirsh D. Kravitz
Senior Supervisory FOIA Counsel
Office of FOIA, Records, and E-discovery